

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Union Government to setup a bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court at Bhopal;

(b) if so, the present position thereof; and

(c) the time by which this bench is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir. No proposal has been sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the light of recommendations of the Jaswant Singh Commission.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(English)

# **Construction of Roads and Bridges in Kerala with Assistance of International Financial Institutions**

2610. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be please to state:

(a) whether some international financial institutions are providing loan assistance for the construction of bridges and roads in Kerala;

(b) if so, the names of the roads proposed to be constructed and the length thereof;

(c) the names of the financial institutions and the amount of assistance being provided by them;

(d) the time schedule for the construc-

tion work of these roads and bridges; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the completion of construction work within the scheduled time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e). The Asian Development Bank has agreed to finance four lanning of NH-47 from Always bypass to Vytilla (16 Kms) and Aroor to Sherthaia and strengthening of existing two lane from Vytilla to Aroor (10 Kms) in Kerala. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 56.63 crores and Asian Development Bank assistance would not exceed US \$ 22.06 million. The work is yet to be sanctioned and is expected to be completed in a period of 4 years after start.

# **Bank Robberies and Frauds in Nationalised Banks in Gujarat**

2611. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of bank robberies and frauds took place in Jamnagar and Bhavnagar districts of Gujarat from January 1, 1990 to October 31, 1991;

(b) the loss of life and property in the cases of bank robberies and the manner in which compensation has been made in each cases'

(c) whether some employees are involved in the fraud cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e). As per available informa-

tion, no incident of bank robbery/dacoity has been reported in Jamnagar district during the period from 1.1.90 to 31.10.91. However, during this period one incident in State Bank of Saurashtra, Mahuva branch in Bhavnagar district, took place on the night of 23.6.91 in which the Chowkidar of the branch was killed and an amount of Rs. 5529.62 was lost. The bank has decided to give employment, on compassionate grounds, to the son of the deceased Chowkidar

As regards cases of frauds, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the present data maintenance system does not yield district-wise/branch-wise information about number of frauds and number of officials involved in such cases. However, total number of frauds and amount involved therein, as reported to RBI by 28 public sector banks in India during the period from 1.1.90 to 30.6.91, is given below:

<i>No. of frauds</i>	<i>Amount involved (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
2350	13028.47

Details about punishment awarded to officials during the same period, for their involvement in cases of frauds, are given below:-

(i)	No. of employees convicted	— 98
(ii)	No. of employees given major/minor penalties	— 1060
(iii)	No. of employees out of above dismissed/ discharged/ removed	— 430

### **Cases of Tax Evasion and Repatriation of Foreign Exchange in Bombay**

2612. SHRI JEEVAN SHARMA:  
SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR  
SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the cases of tax evasion and repatriation of foreign exchange in Bombay through the erstwhile Bank of Credit and Commerce International;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). No direct evidence regarding tax evasion and repatriation of foreign exchange through the Bombay branch of BCCI is presently available. However, RBI in terms of powers vested with them under Section 30 (1B) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 have ordered a special audit to find out further information in regard to the working of the Bombay branch of BCCI.

### **Items Transferred from Restricted List**

2613. DR.C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of items have been transferred from Restricted List (Appendix 2-part B) to Limited Permissible List recently;

(b) if so, the names of these items and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the advantages expected from such transfer?